

CAN CITY AFFORD CHEAPER GAS?

No Plan Presented Thus Far to Provide Other Sources of Revenue.

MAYOR BLANKENBURG'S VETO

Philadelphia Council Told to Go at Reduction in More Businesslike Way.

In view of the revival of Aldermen powers and Melton of the recent agitation for reduction of the price of gas to 80 cents, it may be of interest to note that Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia has just vetoed such an ordinance, although he himself recommended the reduction of the ground of Philadelphia have failed to provide any other source of revenue to meet the deficit caused by lowering the price of gas.

Reduction of the price of gas has been a live topic in Richmond ever since the introduction of modern methods of bookkeeping at the Gas works two years ago, under supervision of Special Accountant George S. Crenshaw. Although different estimates of what it is costing the city to make and sell gas, and the greatly increased cost of different allowances for cost of the works and for depreciation charges, yet all agree that gas in the past few years has been made and sold at an actual money profit to the city.

Not Intended to Be Money-Maker. Advocates of a reduction claim that the ownership by the city of the Gas works is not a money-making proposition, but that it is a public utility, the benefit of cheaper gas, and that the price should be lowered from time to time as is consistent with a fair margin of safety. Superintendent Knowles has somewhat upset this argument by making for more than \$150,000 in urgently needed improvements at the works, leaving it to be understood that while the works have shown a profit for the past two years at 90 cents, it has been by cutting short improvements and letting the standard of the works deteriorate until now a considerable outlay is needed to rehabilitate portions of the plant.

In Philadelphia gas is sold consumers at \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet, as against 20 cents in Richmond. The city owns the works, which are operated under a lease by the United Gas Improvement Company, which lease is shortly to be extended. Under its terms the city may reduce the price to 80 cents, but

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If it does, it will reduce its annual income from the gas works by \$1,700,000.

Blankenburg Vetoes It.

Mayor Blankenburg has twice recommended to the Councils of his city a reduction in the price of gas to 80 cents, and in the same messages has suggested other and more equitable methods of taxation to produce the revenue needed to support the city government. The Councils have taken the first part of his message and adopted an ordinance fixing the price at 80 cents, but since no provision was made to raise other revenue for the city, the ordinance was vetoed by the Mayor on last Thursday.

In his message the Mayor of Philadelphia states that he cannot consent to this great cut in the revenues of the city until some new sources of income have been provided, and again recommends that the price be reduced after a more businesslike consideration of the proposition.

The proposed reduction of the price of gas in Richmond would, it is estimated, cut the revenues of the city the first year from \$50,000 to \$50,000, and no plan has been provided to make a corresponding increase in the revenues, the advocates of the reduction claiming that the city will eventually recoup by reason of the larger sales. The constantly increasing cost of labor and of coal and oil is given as an offset to this argument. All charges for gas over and above the cost and fair return on the bonded capital in the gas, the advocates of the reduction claim is an indirect tax on a class of people least able to pay, and an unjust burden, since it is a tax on a portion of the community for the benefit of the whole.

Demands Now Exceed Income.

With the demands for street improvements and new schools far exceeding the revenue of the city, as evidenced by the cutting and trimming the Finance Committee has had to do to bring the budget this year within the probable receipts, leaving thousands of citizens without water and hundreds of children on half-time at school, it is hardly probable that the Council will at this time look favorably on a measure reducing the income of the city, and there is great compensating benefit to the whole public. In fact, the Finance Committee means of raising increased revenues, the alternatives of a special levy for the support of the public schools or the introduction of a general plan for making street improvements at the expense of abutting property owners.

WIFE NO LONGER HIS BENEFICIARY

Bossman Makes Change in His Life Insurance Policy—Expected to Recover.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Staunton, Va., February 22.—Unless pneumonia, which has been the cause of his illness, is relieved, Mr. Bossman, who was shot Thursday by a man named Worth, when the latter was surprised by Bossman in Bossman's home, will die.

Mr. Bossman, a man of 40, is a well-known man in Staunton, and his death would be a great loss to the community. The ball that entered the groin passed through a metal match box, lighting the matches, and the metal checked the progress of the ball so that it stopped short of penetrating the bladder, stopping just on the outside of it, where it was found by the surgeon.

Mr. Bossman had considerable insurance on his life in favor of his wife, and he has had it all changed so as to make his father and mother the beneficiaries. The ball in his chest, the young man was visiting her to her to intercede with her sister, for whom she claims Worth entertained affection. The sister is friendly to Mr. Bossman, and has visited him at the hospital to express her sympathy and offer her help.

PULL TOGETHER.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Staunton, Va., February 22.—This has been a great week for Staunton. Last Monday afternoon, when the Chamber of Commerce gathered it was the second annual meeting of the reorganized association, and it was a most successful one. The big meeting was held in the Opera House, and it was there that more than 500 people, men and women, heard Mr. Grady and caught on to his good doctrine, all applauded.

Following the big meeting at the Opera House there was a smoker and a general gathering meeting in the dining hall of the Virginia Hotel. There were pulled out at this meeting a lot of impromptu talks. Mr. Grady added a postscript to the big lecture he had already made, and he was followed by several as enthusiastic speakers. Among them were Frank S. Woodard, Interior Editor of The Times-Dispatch; Mayor John H. W. Lee; Mr. H. L. Lee, Colonel Joseph H. Glasgow, S. D. Timberlake, Hugh H. Keir, W. C. Marshall, Prof. J. P. Keir, Dr. J. M. Payne, and others.

The "pull-together" idea seemed to have struck home, and it looks very much as if that will be a Staunton motto from now on.

FUEL OIL PRODUCTION.

West Virginia Fields Seem to Be Making Good as Days Go By.

Charlesston, W. Va., February 22.—The Ohio Fuel Oil Company is reaping a good share of the profits of high prices for crude oil. During January the company produced 20,000 barrels, and in the same period sold about 15,000 barrels at prices around \$2.50 per barrel. Reports received here indicate that the production of the company during the present month will show little falling off from the January total. With the incentive of high prices and favorable weather, the company has been pushing development work in the new territory aggressively, and it is not believed that another pool like that of Blue Creek may be located, new development is expected to keep up the average production around present levels for some time to come. The annual meeting of the Ohio Fuel Oil Company, to be held early in June, will be notable for the showing it is thought will be made.

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Joseph Nunnally, Jr., and Miss Marguerite Knight.

Photo by Foster.

News of South Richmond.

HAS LONG SERVICE

Deputy Treasurer Brownough Has Filled One Position Thirty-Nine Years.

Thirty-nine years of continuous service in one position will be rounded out this week by J. W. Brownough, Jr., deputy city treasurer. Not only has the veteran official the unique distinction of being the only treasurer of the municipality of Manchester, but he had prior to the incorporation of that city, served for a number of years as deputy sheriff of Chesterfield County. Counting in four years in the service of the Confederacy, Mr. Brownough has served his State for practically half a century.

Mr. Brownough was born in Loudoun County. At the age of fourteen his father, Dr. J. W. Brownough, Sr., moved to Manchester. Three years later the young man enlisted and served until the end of the struggle.

After the war he returned to his adopted home and became actively engaged in political affairs. He was named deputy sheriff and later was appointed by Judge William I. Crompton, to fill the vacancy of the new city.

In the fall of that year, 1874, the appointment was confirmed at the regular election. Mr. Brownough was returned

to his position regularly at each succeeding election.

Other children in the east are Anne Patterson, Eliza Fitzgerald, Florence Daffron, Carrie Schopp, Marion Snow, May Woodall and Emily Lacy, bridesmaids; William Rudd, Charles Smith, Emmett Graves, William Reams, Gordon Hill, Emmett Pettigrew, Arthur Burton and Kenneth Mosby, groomsmen; Pauline Daffron, Carrie Schopp, Mary Williamson, Mary Williams, Jeanette Jewett, Florence Redford, Irene Beckwith, Eva Palmer, Frances Bess, Hazel Link, Burton and William Gibbs, guests.

Funeral of Mr. Strader.

Funeral services over the body of Robert M. Strader will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from his home, 1122 McDonough Street. Rev. Mr. Eklund, of Porter Street Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be made in Maury Cemetery.

Mr. Strader, No. 14, A. F. and M. E. Lodge, No. 2, Improved Order Red Men, will meet at their hall for a purpose of taking suitable action. A committee from the tribe will accompany the body to the grave.

To-Day's Church Services.

Rev. F. W. Long, pastor of Cowardin Avenue Christian Church, will preach at both services today. His morning subject will be "The Real Man." At night he will preach on the theme, "The City."

In Stockton Street Baptist Church, Rev. C. W. McElroy, the pastor, will conduct both services. His morning topic will be "The Joy of Sacrifice," and "The Real Man" will be his subject at the night service.

In Police Court.

For assaulting and otherwise mistreating his helpmate, Charles Logan, colored, was fined \$5 and costs by Justice H. A. Maurice yesterday morning in Police Court, Part II.

Thirty days in the City Jail was the sentence imposed on John Jones, colored, charged with having no visible means of support.

W. H. Dunbar, charged with being drunk, disorderly and resisting arrest, was fined \$20 and costs.

General News Notes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors will be held to-morrow morning at Chesterfield Courthouse. Routine matters will be taken up.

Washington Woolridge, a prosperous farmer, living at Otterbury, Chesterfield County, recently donated his one hundred and second birthday. Chief responsibility for his longevity is assigned to the fact that he has never used tobacco in any form.

Superintendent William F. Bryce, of the Southern Railway, of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, has asked the special committee of the Chesterfield and South Richmond Business Men's Association to meet at his office for a conference on the improvement of the service on the Hull Street line.

Negro Badly Cut.

Samuel Neal, colored, was dangerously wounded early yesterday morning by being cut with a knife. John Allen, colored, was arrested a few hours later by Officer R. L. Dunbar as the assailant. A yesterday morning in Police Court, Part II, he was ordered held for the grand jury by Justice Maurice.

The wounds of Neal were treated by Dr. O. C. Page, of the city ambulance. Sixteen stitches were taken in the cuts. While serious, his injuries will not con-

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fine him to the hospital for any length of time.

Wife Is Gone.

Accused by an irate husband with running off with his wife, Frank Bernard was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officer A. T. Traylor, of Chesterfield County, on a warrant issued before Magistrate L. W. Cheatham, with George Zarcheni as complainant. The latter is being held on a charge of stealing a gun from Bernard. The woman, over whom the trouble is said to have been started, has disappeared.

Puts Out Small Fire.

Another small fire was extinguished by the quick application of chemicals yesterday morning, when Engine Company No. 13 responded to a still alarm from the home of George Archer, colored, 216 East Sixteenth Street. A clothes closet on the lower floor had caught from a carelessly dropped match. The damage amounted to less than \$25.

Mrs. Irene Haley.

Mrs. Irene Haley, wife of James Haley, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock at the Shattering Arms Hospital. Besides her husband, she leaves six daughters and four sons. She is survived by one brother, E. L. Browder. The funeral will be held this afternoon from West End Methodist Church. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. S. Sale, the pastor. Burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

Public Entertainments.

A musical concert will be given next Thursday night in Decatur Street Methodist Church by the choir of Broad Street Methodist Church. The proceeds

will be for the benefit of the building fund.

An oyster supper will be held to-morrow night from 5 to 9 o'clock at Stockton Street Baptist Church by the Baraca Class, for the benefit of the building fund.

Personal Mention.

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Officers and advisory committee were elected as follows: president, C. H. Chandler, of Harrisonburg; vice-president, W. W. Hitchens, of Manassas; F. B. Maples, of Strasburg, and W. N. Hilleary, of Staunton; secretary, Arthur Herbert, Jr., of Alexandria. A resolution was passed to ask the Virginia Legislature to abolish the tax on individual bank deposits.

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